Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: I have not got the answer ready.

Mr. President: If you have not got the answer ready, you should ask for notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Can it be kindly answered, Sir, at least to-morrow.

Mr. President: If you give notice of the question, the answer will be given when the answer is prepared. I can't press the Government to give an undertaking.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Sir, the Government can act gracefully even without an injunction from the Chair. I request the Government to act, taking this oral request as the proper notice, and give the answer to the number of applications granted.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: The file does not contain this information. It must be in other files. It is not possible to get the information so quickly, but if the House wants it, it will have to be put in the form of a question and then the information will be collected.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: At least on the last day of the sitting?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: I shall try.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: May I know, Sir, why this application for which Rs. 2,500 was given has not been paid?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: After the loan was sanctioned by the Government, on my recommendation, and before the payment was actually made, one person claiming to be interested in this property put in a petition, saying that the fact that that person has got a right in the property was not brought to my notice and that a suit was filed in one of the District Courts in Travancore to declare a certain document as invalid and that will affect the security on which I was made to sanction the amount. So I thought that no risk could be taken when such a big amount was involved.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know, Sir, when this document for Rs. 2,500 was taken from the party?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: It was soon after the execution itself.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: In the light of the promise given by the Hon'ble the Revenue Member with regard to certain answers being supplied on Friday, we will try to elicit answers to all the sub-divisions on Friday.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: The last day is Saturday.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Alright, Sir, Saturday; one day more the Government get.

COCHIN-KANAYANNUR TREASURY—STAFF OF

25. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Will Government be pleased to state the following.—

(*a*) when was the staff of the Cochin-Kanayannur Treasury at Ernakulam approved; is it not in 1106;

(*b*) what was the number of accountants approved then;

(*c*) what was the number of bills and chalans received in the Ernakulam Treasury in the year 1106;

(*d*) what was the number of bills and chalans received in the treasury in the year 1118;

(*e*) is it not a fact that the work in the Ernakulam Treasury has increased ten times during recent years;

(*f*) are Government aware of the great hardships caused to the public on account of the extreme pressure of work at the Ernakulam Treasury?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*:

(*a*) There was a general reorganisation of the Treasury staff in the year 1106.

(*b*) 3 Accountants and a Head Accountant.

(*c*) 25,471 bills and 29,841 chalans.

(*d*) 47,408 bills and 43,486 chalans.

(*e*) There has been considerable increase of work in the Treasury.

(*f*) Yes.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: In view of the avowal on the part of the Government that great hardship is caused to the public, will the Government be pleased to take some steps to remove some of the hardships at least?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: The matter of strengthening the staff is already under consideration.

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Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: How long has this matter been under the consideration of the Government?

Mr. P. V. Rapheal *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts)*: Temporary addition of staff has been sanctioned from time to time. Only the permanent strength has been given here. This proposal to further strengthen the staff has been before the Government for about a month now.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: May I know, Sir, whether the Diwan Peishkar or any other officer has visited the Treasury at Ernakulam.

Mr. President: Order, order. We are concerned with another treasury.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Sir, it is the same treasury.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: Yes, I have visited the Ernakulam Treasury.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Is the room sufficient for the staff there.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: There is some congestion.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Is it sufficiently aired.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: It is not.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Is the Government aware of a tremendous increase in the work of these treasuries owing to the Food Production Scheme and the Food Control Scheme and all that?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: And has the House to take it, Sir, that all these bills about double the number, all this extra work whose existence is admitted by the Government, is being attended to by these 3 accountants and 1 Head accountant at present.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: In Cochin-Kanayannur Treasury, a temporary additional staff has been sanctioned, but that is also insufficient.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Is not the work at present attended to, Sir, by 4 hands?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: Additional hands have beeen appointed.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: What is the number, approximately?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: Three more.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: It is stated that an additional staff has been appointed. May I know whether these hands have experience in treasury work, or in the Comptroller's Office?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: They are not men with experience.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Is it not desirable to have experienced hands for this work?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkkar)*: Experienced hands are not available.

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts)*: There are experienced hands to coach up these new hands in their work and they pick up work. In fact these temporary hands have now gained experience in their work.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural)*: How can these already over-worked people find time to teach these new hands?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts)*: It is not a case of regular tutioning and teaching. They are shown how they are to do things and they gradually pick up the work.

Mr. A. V. Moothadan *(Chalakkudi)*: Now it takes about 3 days to get money from the treasury.

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts)*: That is a great exaggeration, Sir.

EZHUVA STUDENTS STUDYING IN COLLEGES

26. Mr. K. R. Achyutan *(Ezhuvas-Trichur)*: Will Government be pleased to furnish a list containing.—

(*a*) the number of Ezhuva Male students studying in the University classess of the Maharaja's College, Ernakulam and St. Thomas' College, Trichur, respectively, in the current academic year;

(*b*) The number of Ezhuva male students granted half fee concession in each of the two colleges referred to above in the current academic year?

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